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The article by David Pearson, dated December 13, 1962, in the Washington Post outlines what is purported to be the State and Defense Government policy decisions concerning the removal of ~~MMH~~'s from Turkey, England and Italy. Included in this article is a statement:

Furthermore, the Government's position was that we  
bargain with our Russian and Turkish allies only  
after Bulchevsky had agreed to the withdrawal of his  
ministers in Cuba, and then only within the framework  
of general disarmament to be discussed in the United  
Nations.

"Initially a letter was drafted by Evelyn Thompson, Senior Ambassador to Mexico along these lines... but the letter was never sent."

"What is interesting afterwards is that six U.S. battleships are already in the process of removal from England and home to the Japanese fleet will be powered from Italy and Turkey sometime next year -- unless they are held up by French bargaining purposes. Gen. Harbord is still opposed, but the Joint Chiefs of Staff are now convinced his."

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A TASS news agency report said a French nuclear submarine, the Jean D'Amboise, has been sent to the Mediterranean Sea to participate in NATO exercises. The submarine will be running on that war's nuclear reactor, and ICBMs, intercontinental ballistic missiles, will be launched from the ship. Located in Europe, the Jean D'Amboise is an early French nuclear submarine and pushed ahead with its long-range missile program, beating the United States in putting its first ball ahead of the Soviet and the Thor and Jupiter missiles in Turkey, Italy and England are out of date.

demands for our more radical  
change. Britain's largest  
segment -- the population has  
been protesting. And these  
millions make England a sit-  
ting duck.

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What Stevenson proposed, therefore, was to negotiate with something that we had already considered virtually worthless and were going to get rid of anyway.

and disarmament to be discussed in the United Nations. In other words, Stevenson said that once Khrushchev had shown his good faith by removing Russian missiles from Cuban soil, the United States should agree to negotiate regarding the missiles on Turkish and Italian soil which the Pentagon had decided we were going to get rid of any way. But that proposed we should do this under the general plan for disarmament.

Finally a letter drafted by Henry A. Thompson, former ambassador to Moscow, along these lines. Khrushchev had told Khrushchev, "I think you find know how sensitive the situation Russian missiles, which are west than 60 miles from his southern border. It was believed the offer to negotiate would open up important new avenues for disarmament and better understanding after the Cuban missile withdrawal, but the letter was never sent because President Kennedy decided that any promise of missile withdrawal from Turkey during the Cuban crisis would look like American weakness, both to the Kremlin and to the American public, then about to vote in a crucial election.

There were many other details in this crucial discussion, as noted. Which, this column will report later. However, the important fact which the SAC-

Monday evening, Post authors suggested waiting until Sunday. The sponsor proposed negotiating with something we didn't want any way, and only after the President's demand for the removal of Russian missiles from Cuba had been accepted.

Note—Interesting information is that the Thor missiles are already in the process of removal from England and the Jupiter missiles will be removed from Italy and in a few months they will be removed from Germany. They are held up for further bargaining purposes. Don't let it be said that the Joint Chiefs of Staff are more over-idealistic.

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